shipping industries from the provisions of the MRTP Act.

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the names of the other industries which have so far been taken out of the ambit of the MRTP Act as part of the liberalisation programme?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TIWARI): (a) and (b) Shipping Industry and Hotel Industry have been exempted by Government in exercise of power contained in Section 22A of Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969. Exemption in the case of Shipping Industry has been allowed Primary for the reason that this Industry is capital intensive in nature and is prone to risks. As regards Hotel Industry, the exemption has been granted mainly on the ground that additional rooms in the approved Hotel Sector, involving substanial investment, would be required in the coming years.

(c) Names of industries/services exempted so far under Section 22A of Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969 are given in notificaions No. S. O. 408(E) dated 22-5-1985 and S. O. 65(E) dated 21|2|1986. Copies of these notifications have been laid on the Table of the House.

Computer-controlled telephone network

*116. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:
DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of new technology developed by M|s. Philips and Ericsson to establish com-puter-controlled telephone networks with base stations and automatic mobile system; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Catalogue information of the Philips and Ericsson Mobile Systems is available.

(b) These are Cellular Radio Mobile Telephone systems with facility for providing communication from a mobile telephone to the Public Telephone Network. The Mobile Telephone can. for example, be in a moving motor car.

Further increase of coal price

*117. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:
SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to further increase the prices of coal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the extent of raise in the prices proposed?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Oil refineries set up by private sector

*118. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to permit the private sector companies to set up oil refineries in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the places in which these refineries are proposed to be set up.

(c) the names of the private sector Indian/foreign companies which have submitted applications so far for setting up refineries;

(d) the action taken so far on these applications; and

(e) if no action has been taken so far, when it is proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) to (e) In a statement made by the Home Minister in Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha on 16.8.85 regarding Assam Accord it was indicated that the Government of India had agreed, *inter alia*, "to establish an oil refinery in Assam. The Government will render all possible assistance in terms of institutional and Bank finance to facilitate the establishment of a refinery in the private sector." In pursuance of this, a techno-economic study was made on the feasibility of establishing another refinery in Assam. This report is still under the consideration of Government.

मुख्य न्यायाधीशों, मुख्य मंत्रियों तथा विधि मन्त्रियों के सम्मेलन के फैसले

*119 श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी :
श्री अश्विनी कुमार :

क्या विधि और न्याय मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या अगस्त-सितम्बर, 1985 में हुए मुख्य मंत्रियों और राज्यों के विधि मंत्रियों तथा विभिन्न उच्च न्यायालयों के मुख्य न्यायाधीशों के सम्मेलन में यह निर्णय लिया गया था कि अधीनस्थ न्यायालयों में कार्य कर रहे सभी श्रेणी के कर्मचारियों के वेतनमानों तथा सेवा शर्तों में काफी सुधार करने की आवश्यकता है और इस संबंध में समुचित कार्यवाही की जानी चाहिए ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो राज्यों/केन्द्र शासित प्रदेशों में इस संबंध में अब तक हुई प्रगति का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विधि और न्याय मंत्री (श्री अशोक कुमार सेन) : (क) और (ख) मुख्य न्यायमूर्तियों, विधि मंत्रियों और मुख्य मंत्रियों के 31 अगस्त, और 1 सितम्बर, 1985 को नई दिल्ली में हुए संयुक्त सम्मेलन में अधीनस्थ न्यायालयों के कर्मचारियों की सेवा शर्तों के बारे में कोई सिफारिश नहीं की गई है, किन्तु सम्मेलन ने यह तय किया कि अधीनस्थ न्यायापालिका के कर्मचारियों के वेतन और परिलब्धियों तथा सेवा की शर्तों में व्यापक सुधार की आवश्यकता है। चूंकि अधीनस्थ न्यायपालिका का संबंध राज्य सरकारों से है ; अतः संयुक्त सम्मेलन की सिफारिशें समुचित कार्रवाई करने के लिए राज्य सरकारों को भेज दी गई हैं।

Offer to international companies for oil exploration

*120. SHRI L. GANESAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many times in the past, Government offered offshore areas to international companies for oil exploration;

(b) the details thereof, in each case and also the outcome of each exploration;

(c) whether any decision has been taken recently to offer offshore areas to international oil companies;

(d) what are the terms offered; what had been the response so far; and

(e) the areas which are presently being offered to international companies?